

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of ) **Mail Stop ISSUE FEE**  
Yvonne Appoldt et al. )  
Application No.: 10/786,580 )  
Filed: February 26, 2004 )  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
PREPARING SOLUTIONS AND/OR )  
DILUTIONS IN THE LABORATORY )  
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**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants note with appreciation the receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated September 30, 2009. Attached thereto is an Examiner's Statement of the reasons for allowance. It is asserted therein that:

Dellacoma teaches an apparatus and method for preparing solutions containing a balance connected to a control unit with a program, but does not teach the electronic pipettes.

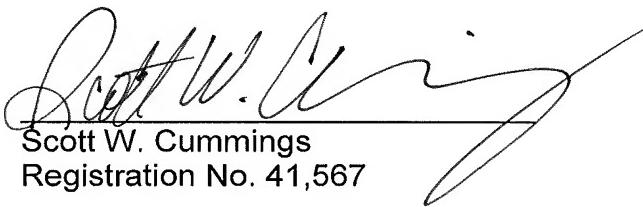
Applicants do not concede to the correctness of this interpretation of the teachings of Dellacoma, especially with respect to satisfying the requirements of the claimed invention. Applicants expressly wish to avoid any negative inferences which

could be drawn by an absence to challenge the above-quoted statement, or any other statements contained in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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